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## REMARKS

The First Preliminary Amendment incorporates the application lineage per 35 U.S.C. § 120.

The Examiner is specifically directed to the Search Report for PCT/US99/20960, which appears to related to U.S. Patent No. 6, 254,389. A copy of the latter patent is also enclosed.

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